



# Ministry of the Month

Once a month we take some time to focus on a specific ministry in our parish. We have so many thriving, life-giving, ministries that we want to highlight, each in its own way, in order to share the vibrant growth of our parish community.

## Sacristy Cleaning

### What Volunteers Have to Say...

*Note: Toni Muellner has since passed away since this publication was printed in our "Diakonia Newsletter (February 2007)", but this was such a beautiful article about one of our important ministries it was worth printing it again. ~ God Bless you Toni!*

*Toni has been involved in several ministries during her 55 years as a parishioner of Christ the King. She was a member of the Altar Rosary Society and served on the Funeral Luncheon Program for fifteen years. She is an original member of Harvest House and served as their Secretary. She also sang with the Resurrection Choir for funerals.*

*For the past fifteen years however, she has been the "go to" person for training all of the new members of the Sanctuary & Sacristy Cleaning ministry.*

*I asked Toni how she became involved in this very important ministry. She said that the Altar Rosary Society used to clean the church as part of their ministry. After the society disbanded, Emma Rovatto and Toni keep cleaning the church.*

*Toni states after one of the weekday Masses, Fr. Jim Bracke, CSC said "Folks, please sit down. Toni Muellner and Emma Rovatto have been cleaning our church for several years by themselves. I am asking for volunteers to help them." Toni said that they scheduled a Saturday meeting and several volunteers showed up to help. Fr. Bracke asked them to pick a partner and that's how the Sanctuary and Sacristy Cleaners ministry began.*

*Each week, volunteers arrive at the church to dust, vacuum, and lovingly clean the Sanctuary, Sacristy and Reconciliation Rooms in the church. I asked Toni why she does this ministry: "It's something I do for the Lord... I don't want to take any credit for it... It is His house and we need to keep it clean. I tell the volunteers to do the same thing they would do if it were their home."*

*Toni says she loves this parish and began volunteering after her four children were grown. Mike*



*Muellner, Toni's late husband, helped to repaired things in the church and school, he an Altar Server for weekday mass and was one of the original usher's.*

*Another one of her "jobs" was cleaning the vigil light stands. About 3 times a year, a group of four or five ladies would take the stands apart, polish the brass, and clean out wax from the glass votives. Today, Karen Mack and Dorothea Flory keep the vigil lights shining. They also make sure that the holy water fonts are filled and ready for the weekend.*

*One of Toni's favorite parts of this ministry is getting to meet new people. Toni interviews each new volunteer and is with them the first time they have their cleaning assignment.*

*Keeping our church clean and sparkling takes many hands! If you are interested in joining this ministry, please complete the form on the back page. As Toni says "It is His house and we need to keep it clean."*

### We would love for you to join us!

*Volunteers do light cleaning (vacuuming, dusting, etc.) of the sacristy and sanctuary areas. This is a great ministry for families! (2 hours 3 times/year) This ministry will begin again in September. If you would like to sign up for this ministry or have any questions, please contact Linda at the parish office.*